(d) if so, what action has been taken/ being taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, DDA has reported that a representation was received by them from an allottee, who is 70 years old, for waiver of penalty for delay in payment of instalments of a DDA flat allotted to him on hire purchase basis. The allottee had defaulted in 118 monthly instalments against total 120 equated monthly instalments on account of which penalty to the extent of Rs. 4,79,143/- is payable by him as per original' terms and conditions of allotment.

(c) and (d) DDA has already announced a scheme namely DDA Ambes-ty Scheme 1998 extended upto 31.03.1999 where in Relief in Penalty to the extent of 75% is being given on delayed payment of instalments to all the allottees of DDA flats on Hire Purchase basis. Since the relief now admissible is highest ever announced by the DDA, there is no proposal under consideration to grant any further relief on this account.

MRTS Project

1377. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "MRTs project likely to hang fire", as reported in the Statement, dated 13th February, 1999;

(b) if so, whether a dispute between Ministry of Railway and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has arisen and the MRTS project may be put in ice;

(c) whether his Ministry has since taken any step to resolve the dispute and to implement the MRTS project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AF-FAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 provide that Planning & Coordination of urban transport systems will be with the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, subject to technical planning of rail based systems being with the Ministry of Railways. Hence, the technical planning for Delhi MRTS project, is to be finalised by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. in consultation with the Ministry of Railways. There is no dispute between the Ministry of Railways and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. Reference on various technical planning issues have been made by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. to the Ministry of Railways which are under scrutiny/discussion.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Alarming Rise in Delhi Population

1378. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS. AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of Delhi is rising alarmingly putting heavy pressure on the city's overburdened resources; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to implement the National Capital Region and to set up self-reliant Satellite towns on the outskirts of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to reduce the population pressures on Delhi and to achieve a balanced & harmonised development of the entire Region, the NCR Planning Board has drawn up a 'Regional Plan for NCR'. The policies therein envisage the development of integrated townships in the region outside Delhi, equipped with adequate local urban infrastructure of water, shelter & sanitation, social infrastructure of schools, hospitals & sports complexes, economic infrastructure of industry, trade & commerce and core regional infrastructure network of transport, telecommunications & power.

The Board is pursuing vigorously the implementation of the Regional Plan policies and programmes, with the cooperation of its member States and various Central Ministries.

Slum Population

1379. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large population living in urban slums are living in sub human conditions;

(b) if so, the reasons for rapidly growing slums in urban areas;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the growth of slums and also to provide clean environment in urban slums;

(d) whether any projects with or without foreign assistance have been taken up in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. The main reason for growing slums in urban areas is rural-urban migration of people in search of job opportunities and prospects.

(c) with a view to ameliorating the living conditions of slum dwellers, a Centrally sponsored Scheme, *viz.* environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) was launched during Fifth Five-Year Plan, which was subsequently transferred to State Sector in 1974 and since then is being implemented by the State Govts. under the Minimum Needs Programme. The Govt. of India launched a National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in 1966 to provide additional Central assistance to States/UTs for the development of urban slums. During 1996-97, Rs. 250 crore was allocated and distributed to States/UTs. In the year 1997-98, Rs. 250 crore was allocated and distributed to States/UTs. In the year 1997-98, Rs. 290 crore was released against allocation of Rs. 330 crore. For year 1998-99 Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 350 crore under NSDP, out of which Rs. 241.13 crore has been released till December, 1998.

(d) and (e) Currently four externally aided slum improvement projects at Calcutta, Cuttak, Cochin under DFIDUK and at Nagpur under GTZ (German Govt.) are under implementation. Earlier a few slum improvement projects in Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Vijaywada & Indore under DFID-UK and in Bangalore under Dutch assistance were undertaken.

दिल्ली में शहरीकृत घोषित किए गए गांव

1380. **श्री रामजीलाल**: क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली मेम जनसंख्या वृद्धि को देखते हुए सरकार ने कुल कितने गांवों को "शहरीकृत" घोषित कर दिया है;

(ख) कितने और गावों को शहरीकृत करने की साकार की योजना है;

(ग) इस संबंध मेम कितनी धनराशि व्यय किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(घ) शहरीकृत गांवों की नाम सहित सूची तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री राम जेठमलानी): (क) और (घ) दिल्ली मेम गांवों का शहरीकरण आबादी के आधार पर नहीं किया जाता है। दिल्ली नगर निगम, नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका परिषद तथा दिल्ली छावनी बोर्ड से मिली सूचना के अनुसार, शहरीकृत गांवों का ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया गया है (देखिए परिशिष्ट, 186, अनुपत्र सं. 26)

(ख) दिल्ली नगर निगम तथा डी. डी. ए. ने सूचित किया है कि क्रमश: 15 तथा 68 गावों के शहरीकरण का प्रस्ताव है;

(ग़) 1998-99 के दौरान दिल्ली नगर निगम का 8 करोड़ रू. खर्च करने का प्रस्ताव है।